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To Whom it May Concern,

I am pleased to write a letter of support on behalf of the Pikes Peak Lavender Film Festival. For the past nine years, this organization has been providing well-done, thoughtful, engaging films that feature the glbt communities to Colorado Springs.

They have gone about their task with limited funds but with great dedication, seeking to represent the many facets that make up the queer communities. Through the years the Festival has grown steadily and is, I would hope, a permanent fixture on the Colorado Springs cultural landscape.

As you are probably aware, Colorado Springs has the reputation of being intolerant and homophobic. This is due mainly to the presence of dozens of religious right organizations, which are headquartered here. I believe it is important to our local communities to have the PPLFF continue to show that Colorado Springs is not a monolithic conservative city, but rather one in which many diverse populations co-exist peacefully and tolerantly. Equally important is the opportunity for glbt folks and their allies to experience an immersion into a cultural venue in which their lives and faces are shown— even if only for one weekend a year.

PPLFF has become an integral part in raising consciousness about queer issues locally, and is a well-respected member of the Arts, and glbt communities. I strongly support the work they do, and appreciate the dedication they show and the sacrifices they make to continue to bring high quality, inspiring, compelling films to our city. I hope you will support this work as well. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or need further clarification.

Warmest Regards,

Rev. Dr. Nori J. Rost
Minister



